

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

LASHAWN EZELL	)	Case No. 18 CV 01049
Plaintiff,)	
	)	Judge Sara L. Ellis
v.)	
)	
CITY OF CHICAGO, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

LAROD STYLES	)	Case No. 18 CV 01053
Plaintiff,)	
v.	)	Consolidated with Ezell v. City
)	
CITY OF CHICAGO, et al.,	)	18 CV 1049
)	
Defendants.)	

CHARLES JOHNSON	)	Case No. 18 CV 01062
Plaintiff,)	
v.	)	Consolidated with Ezell v. City
)	
CITY OF CHICAGO, et al.,	)	18 CV 1049
)	
Defendants.)	

TROSHAWN MCCOY,	)	Case No. 18 CV 01068
Plaintiff,)	
v.	)	Consolidated with Ezell v. City
)	
CITY OF CHICAGO, et al.,	)	18 CV 1049
)	
Defendants.)	

JOINT MOTION TO STAY PRETRIAL BRIEFING AND DEADLINES

Counsel for Plaintiffs and counsel for Defendants City of Chicago and the individual Defendant Officers (hereinafter, “Parties”) hereby jointly move to stay all pretrial briefing and deadlines as to Plaintiffs’ claims against the City Defendants. In support, they state:

1. This case is set for trial on May 14, 2024. ECF No. 558. On March 8, this Court held a mediation conference with the Parties. ECF No. 550.

2. Since then, the Parties have been working diligently to comply with the Court's pretrial deadlines, including preparing the pretrial order. That process has consumed and is consuming very substantial amounts of attorney time as lawyers on both sides of this case put in 16-hour days to complete the Final Pretrial Order.

3. After the mediation, the City Defendants and Plaintiffs also continued discussions regarding settlement that had commenced with the Court's involvement. Those discussions have resulted in substantial progress. The Parties believe they are very close to achieving an agreed resolution. They will know within several days whether they can conclude an agreement.

4. Given the status of settlement negotiations and the very substantial costs associated with continuing the preparation of the Pretrial Order, the Parties jointly move to stay the remaining pretrial deadlines in this case, including the pretrial order submission due today, ECF No. 534, in anticipation of a final settlement of the case.

WHEREFORE, the Parties jointly request that this Court stay further deadlines as to the trial of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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